

The Consultation (1835)

All was not calm while Stephen F. Austin was imprisoned in Mexico City. Once again, Americans living in Texas (now called Texians) were upset with the Mexican government over taxes being collected on incoming goods from the United States. William B. Travis led a group of men to protest the arrest of a fellow Texian. These actions angered General Martin Perfecto de Cos, Santa Anna's brother in law and commander of the Mexican forces in Coahuila y Tejas. General Cos demanded the arrest of Travis and the other Texians involved in the dispute.



The Texians were alarmed with General Cos' demands. They decided to hold a meeting to discuss what should be done about a possible invasion from Mexican soldiers hunting Travis and others. Stephen F. Austin returns from Mexico in time to hear about the meeting. He said that the Texians must unite to organize a system of defense. He adds, "Until some competent authority is established to DIRECT, all that can be done is to recommend this subject to the people: and advise every man in Texas to prepare for WAR, and lay aside all hope of conciliation."